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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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FROM MC ELDOWNNEY MUSCAT

BEIRUT FOR RTDC

JIDDA PASS AVCO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BFOL

SUBJ: OMAN TELEVISION

1. GOVERNMENT OF OMAN HAS DECIDED TO TRY TO INTRODUCE TELEVISION ASAP, POSSIBLY AS SOON AS NOVEMBER 1974. CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST STATION IS TO BE SELECTED BY END OF JANUARY 1974.

2. THOUGH FOR NO SPECIFICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DRAWN UP CONTRACT IS LIKELY TO CALL FOR A PL TRANSMITTER WITH VHF, UHF, AND COLOR CAPACITIES, AND STUDIES FOR BROADCAST,

LIVE PERFORMANCE, AND FILMS. CONTRACT WILL BE FOR TURNKEY OPERATION, INCLUDING 3-5 YEAR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH TRAINING OF LOCAL COUNTERPARTS.

3. PHILLIPS IS NOW WORKING ON ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND IS THEREFORE LIKELY TO HAVE INSIDE TRACK ON CONTRACT.

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4. WHILE INITIAL PLANS CALL FOR CAPITAL AREA TRANSMISSION, THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CONSTRUCTION OF BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY.

5. IN ADDITION TO BROADCAST FACILITIES, THESE PLANS WILL OPEN MARKET FOR RECEIVERS.

6. WHILE ABOVE INFO UNCLASSIFIED, RESPONSES SHOULD BE DIRECTED VIA KUWAIT DUE TO POSSIBLE AFFINITIES BETWEEN COMPETITORS AND CABLE AND WIRELESS, WHICH HANDLES ALL TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF MUSCAT.  
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